

Condemnations pour in after Israel unleashes deadliest Gaza strikes since ceasefire agreement



Israeli genocidal bombing hits apartment buildings in Gaza City (File photo > CNN)

Beijing, March 19 (RHC)-- Overnight Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip, which were the deadliest since a ceasefire began in the besieged territory, have drawn a wave of condemnations worldwide.

Over 410 Palestinians, including women and children, were killed on Tuesday after the occupying regime resumed its genocidal war on Gaza, undermining the fragile two-month-long truce agreement with the Hamas resistance group.

China's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said Beijing was "highly concerned about the current situation between Israel and Palestine." She also called for the parties to "avoid any actions that could lead to an escalation of the situation, and prevent a larger-scale humanitarian disaster."

Spiral of escalation

Russia also warned of a potential "spiral of escalation" in Gaza amid renewed Israeli genocidal attacks. "The latest aggravation of the situation, the return to a spiral of escalating tensions, this is what worries us," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

He said Moscow is monitoring the situation very closely and expects it to return to a "peaceful course." Meanwhile, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese urged respect for the ceasefire in Gaza, where "there's already been enormous suffering." He also said that his country will continue to stand up for peace and security in the region.

In X posts, Dutch Foreign Minister Casper Veldkamp called on warring sides to implement the Gaza truce deal in full and protect all civilians. Humanitarian aid should be made accessible to those in need, he said, adding that "all hostilities must end permanently."

Additionally, the head of the UN's humanitarian affairs bureau described as "dreadful" the news of Israel's deadly attacks on Gaza. "Our humanitarians have done everything possible to save as many lives as we could in Gaza. Immense suffering among survivors. And now this," Tom Fletcher said on X. "Everyone with influence must insist this stop."

In a statement, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) blasted the far-right cabinet of Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu for resuming its "horrific and genocidal" attacks on Gaza, and "killing hundreds of civilians in a matter of hours."

"Netanyahu would clearly rather massacre Palestinian children in refugee camps than risk the disintegration of his cabinet by exchanging all those held by both sides and permanently ending the genocidal war, as required by the ceasefire agreement," said the largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization in the US.

Israel launched its brutal Gaza onslaught on October 7, 2023, but the regime failed to achieve its declared objectives despite killing more than 48,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children.

The Tel Aviv regime accepted Hamas's longstanding negotiation terms under the three-phase Gaza truce, which began on January 19th. Later, however, Israel refused to move forward to the second stage of the ceasefire, which required it to withdraw the occupation troops from Gaza.

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